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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRESS REACTION TO TERRORIST PENETRATION OF GOLAN  
HEIGHTS

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1. ISRAELI PRESS REACTION TO TERRORIST INCURSION INTO  
GOLAN HEIGHTS FROM SYRIA OCTOBER 28 (REPORTED REFTEL)  
FOCUSES ON INCIDENT AS BREACH OF ISRAEL-SYRIA DISENGAGE-  
MENT AGREEMENT AND HIGHLIGHTS ISRAELI WARNING TO SYRIA  
REPORTEDLY CONVEYED THROUGH BOTH U.S. AND U.N.

2. HAARETZ (SCHIFF) WRITES THAT IN ISRAEL THE INCIDENT  
IS REGARDED AS A SERIOUS BREACH OF THE DISENGAGEMENT  
AGREEMENT. IT IS THOUGHT TO BE EITHER A SYRIAN REACTION  
TO THE KILLING OF TWO SHEPHERDS EARLIER IN MONTH BY AN  
ISRAELI PATROL OR AN ATTEMPT TO CREATE TENSION PRIOR TO  
THE EXPIRATION OF THE UNDOF MANDATE. THERE IS ALSO SPECULA-  
TION THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN AN EFFORT TO TEST THE ISRAELI  
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REACTION TO AN ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THE "RULES OF THE GAME."

3. MAARIV (SEGEV, IN WASHINGTON) REPORTS THAT AN ISRAELI WARNING TO SYRIA ABOUT THE INCIDENT WAS CONVEYED OCT 29 THROUGH THE U.S., WHICH IS REPORTEDLY TAKING A SERIOUS VIEW OF THIS FIRST VIOLATION OF THE SYRIAN UNDERTAKING NOT TO USE "MILITARY OR PARAMILITARY" FORCE AGAINST ISRAEL. YEDIOT AHARANOT (ZIMUKI, IN WASHINGTON) ADDS THAT THE U.S. WILL BE ASKED TO ASCERTAIN IN DAMASCUS WHETHER SYRIA HAS DECIDED TO VIOLATE THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT INTENTIONALLY AND TO ALLOW TERRORISTS TO OPERATE FROM ITS TERRITORY. PRESS ALSO REPORTS OFFICIAL ISRAELI PROTEST CONVEYED TO SYRIA THROUGH UN CHANNELD OCT 30.)

4. ZIMUKI STORY INCLUDES A QUOTE FROM SPEECH BY PRIMIN RABIN OCTOBER 29, IN WHICH RABIN TERMED THE INCURSION "A DEPARTURE FROM WHAT EXISTED AND HAS BEEN AGREED, AND I WANT TO HOPE THAT IT DOES NOT INDICATE A CHANGE IN SYRIA'S POLICY AND ITS WILLINGNESS TO LIVE UP TO ITS COMMITMENTS."

5. EDITORIALS HIGHLIGHT FACT THAT OPERATION COULD NOT HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT ASSISTANCE OF SYRIAN ARMED FORCES. ULTIMATE SYRIAN INTENTIONS ARE AGREED TO BE UNKNOWN, BUT WRITERS FIND REASON TO EXPECT DAMASCUS TO BEGIN HEATING UP BORDER IN ANTICIPATION OF EXPIRATION OF UNDOF MANDATE. AL HAMISHMAR DESCRIBES WHAT IT SEES AS QUANDARY SYRIANS ARE IN: EXTENSION OF MANDATE WOULD APPEAR AS SYRIAN ACQUIESCENCE IN THE EGYPT-ISRAEL INTERIM AGREEMENT, BUT SYRIANS CANNOT RISK WAR WITHOUT A UNITED ARAB FRONT WHICH AT MOMENT DOES NOT EXIST.

6. MAARIV EDITORIAL MAKES LINK BETWEEN THE TERRORIST INCIDENT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ON THE GOLAN. IT POINTS OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS REFRAINED FROM APPROVING FOUR ADDITIONAL SITES WHICH SETTLEMENT PROPONENTS ARE REQUESTING, SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE PROSPECTS FOR A DIALOGUE WITH SYRIA. THESE SITES, IF APPROVED, WOULD CLOSE EXISTING GAPS IN THE CHAIN OF SETTLEMENTS, GAPS WHICH ARE NOW UNCLASSIFIED

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VULNERABLE TO PENETRATION. MAARIV CONCLUDES THAT "TO GO AHEAD WITH THESE SETTLEMENT PLANS IS THE RIGHT AND NATURAL REACTION."  
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